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Dear Sylvia,

Re:SS note following carbon of your note to Jim: I have understated, as you'll learn when you are here. Where I ask what the feel they can properly do, they do it. If the rest were like them, our situation would be much better.

I'm bogged down, by volume only, in answering the latest gov't drek, which was designed with care and celeverness, if heavy-handedness, to accomplish several ulterior purposes I will frustrate but perhaps at the cost of winning a suit I should winn. And at enormous cost in time. But they have given me the first chance to make a court record of a political context, and I've taken it. If you do not begin by agreeing with me, I predict you'll come around to what I say-and believe.

The sheer volume of the work is its own kind of burden. My wife has our only employment this time of the year, and this year is is keeping her working overtime steadily. So, the typing of such long papers is a serious problem. I found a girl who is typing some on the machine we wore out with my original 1/3 million words of notes before writing the first book and on the next two. I had it overhauled two years ago and it hasn't been touched since. I hope she is making out okay because these papers are due in court within 5 days and she has a key part. It is on old long-carriage machine, the only one we could afford.

I don't know how many carbons I'll have when I've ~~required~~ provided the government and the court with what is required, or how clear they'll be.

Best,